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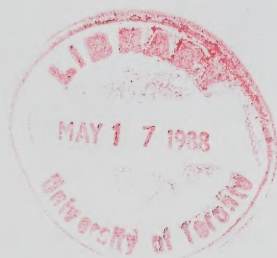
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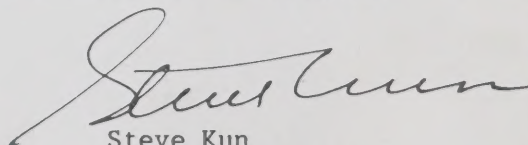
This newsletter will bring you up-to-date on a number of planning programs that are presently ongoing and will also outline the public consultation programs for the coming year.

First of all, you may have noticed our new letterhead. We are now officially called the **CANADIAN PARKS SERVICE**.

A second change, is the introduction of a new **Public Consultation Co-ordinator** in the Western Regional Office. **Ms. Susan Wolff** has been appointed to replace Syd Moore, who retired in November of last year.

Finally, we are asking you to help us update our mailing lists. We are hoping to streamline the distribution of information generated during our public consultation programs. The mailing list card included with this **Update** should be filled in and returned as soon as possible to ensure you receive information on the programs of your choice.

Thank you for your participation in previous public consultation programs. Your continued involvement is encouraged.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Kun', with a stylized, flowing script.

Steve Kun
Director General
Western Region

MOUNT NORQUAY SKI AREA

Banff Lifts Ltd., the operators of Mount Norquay Ski Area, have been requested by the Canadian Parks Service to prepare a Long Range Plan. The plan will guide general development for the area and propose a ski area boundary which will be incorporated into legislation. Similar long range plans were prepared in the late 1970's and early 1980's for Sunshine and Lake Louise ski areas in Banff National Park and Marmot Basin in Jasper National Park. To date, no long range plan or boundary has been established for the Norquay Ski Area.

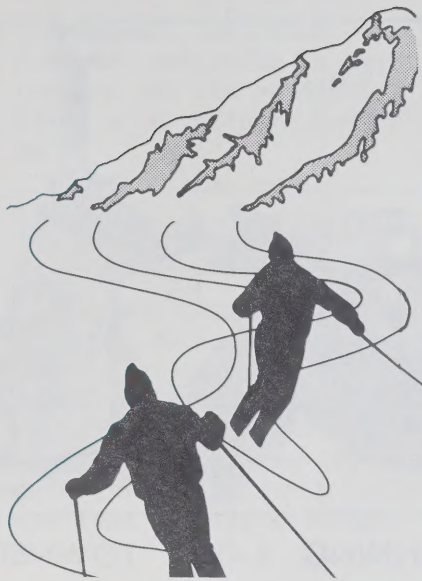
A number of proposals prepared by Banff Lifts Ltd. have been discussed with Parks staff and reviewed using the Environmental Assessment and Review Process. For the benefit of wildlife in the area, Banff Lifts Ltd. has agreed to abandon use of certain areas of the front face of Mount Norquay. In the plan they also propose expanding the ski area northward to the adjacent ridge, known as Skyline.

The Long Range Plan and Parks' evaluation of that plan will be available for public review and discussion later this summer.

SUNSHINE SKI AREA

A long range plan was approved for the Sunshine Village Ski Area in 1978. Late in 1986, Sunshine submitted to the Canadian Parks Service a major development proposal requiring changes to the approved plan.

Following public meetings held last spring, Sunshine Ski Village prepared



revisions to the plan and an environmental assessment of their development proposals. This work was undertaken by consultants. The Canadian Parks Service provided the consultants with a Terms of Reference outlining the issues that needed to be addressed.

In February, 1988, Parks received a final copy of Sunshine Ski Village's Initial Environmental Evaluation (I.E.E.). Staff of Banff National Park and the Western Regional Office are currently reviewing that document to determine the impact the proposals would have on the natural environment, aesthetics, historical resources, socio-economic circumstances, Parks' policy, and service to the Park visitor.

Following this stage of review, there will be public consultation for the Sunshine Planning Program. If you are interested in the program please ensure that your name is on our mailing list by noting the program on the mail-back card enclosed with this newsletter.

SUNSHINE — NEW CHAIRLIFT

Last fall Sunshine submitted a proposal to replace the existing Angel

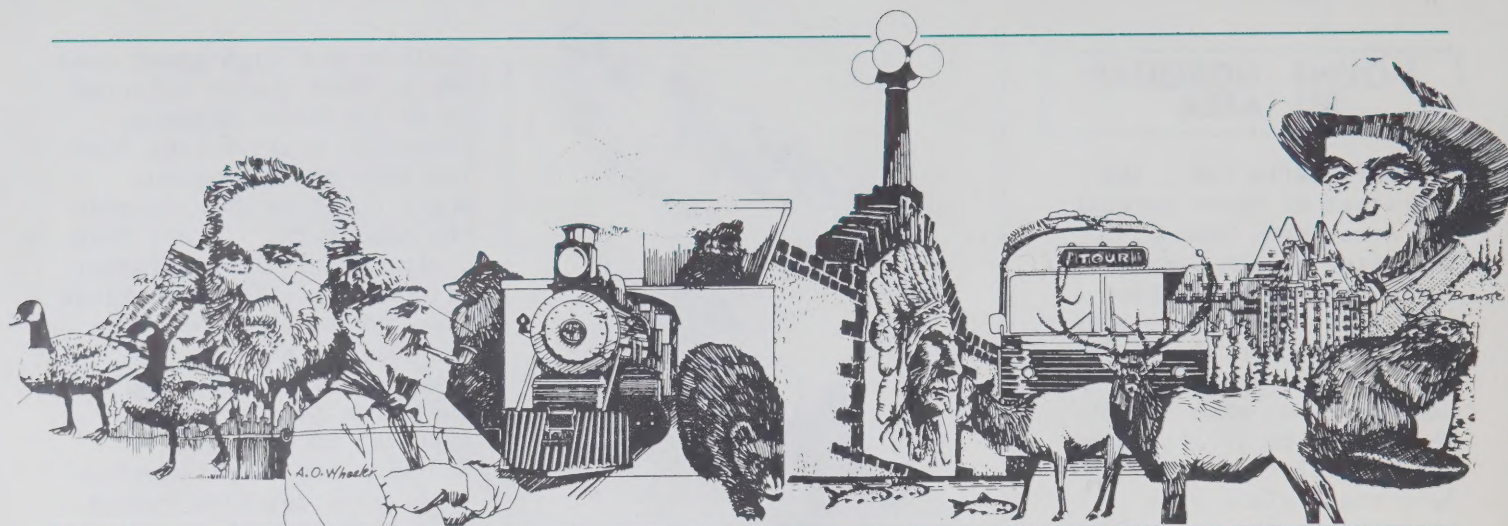
Chair with a high speed quad chair. This chair, referred to as the Angel Express, generally would extend from the base of the current Angel Chair to an area near the top of the Tee Pee Town Chair. As it is consistent with the existing Long Range Plan for Sunshine Ski Area and Parks' concerns have been addressed, the new chair has been given approval in concept. Sunshine has been requested to prepare detailed design proposals so Parks can undertake site-specific environmental assessments before final approval is granted.

KOOTENAY PARKWAY UPDATE

During the Four Mountain Parks planning program, potentially significant increases in the levels of commercial truck traffic on the Kootenay Parkway were identified as a concern. Possible options to reduce potential impacts were discussed during public meetings in the spring of 1987.

Investigations are currently underway to determine how existing levels of truck traffic affect park resources (especially wildlife) and visitor appreciation of Kootenay National Park. This information will also allow for more accurate predictions of the potential effects of more commercial trucking. Solutions will be sought to reduce those impacts without negatively impacting the regional economy and resource industries.

After the investigations are completed, public meetings will be held in the fall to solicit comment from everyone who could be affected by decisions relating to the control of commercial trucking on the Kootenay Parkway.



PLANNING BANFF TOWNSITE

The Banff Town Plan Program is continuing with a number of background studies either completed or well underway. These include:

- The Commercial Land Use and Downtown Core Study,
- The Housing and Social Concerns Study,
- The Townsite Environmental Evaluation and
- The Townsite Services Study.

The Plan is being developed in the context of general policies included in "In Trust For Tomorrow" and the Banff Park Management

Plan. It will deal with the various categories of land use, open space, urban design, transportation, growth, the preservation of heritage resources and the social needs and housing requirements of the community.

The next step in the planning process will be the preparation of issue or discussion papers. These papers will summarize the main findings of the various studies and initiate the development of policy directions to deal with problem areas.

Public consultation will be focused mainly in the

community, however, anyone interested in the planning program may contact the town planner, Mary Ellen Scanlon by phone at (403) 762-3324 or by mail at the following address:

Banff Town Plan
c/o Superintendent
Banff National Park
P.O. Box 900
Banff, Alberta
T0L 0C0

The Banff Town Plan is proceeding on schedule toward a target date of December 31, 1988 for submission of a final draft to the Minister of the Environment for his consideration.

ELECTRIC POWER UPGRADING — FIELD, B.C.

Over the past several years, a number of proposals to provide Yoho National Park with a dependable power source have been submitted to the Canadian Parks Service. The most recent proposal was introduced by Synex Energy Resources Ltd. based in Vancouver. Synex Ltd. purchased the diesel powered electrical generating system for Field, B.C. in 1987. In accordance with the original assessment of the best long term electrical power supply to Field and Yoho National

Park, Synex is preparing a proposal to build a grid connection between Lake Louise, Alberta and Field, B.C. The power would be supplied by Trans Alta Utilities.

Extension of line power west from Lake Louise involves the identification and selection of a best route, as well as technology options, and construction and operational procedures. Environmental issues, with particular attention being paid to visibility concerns

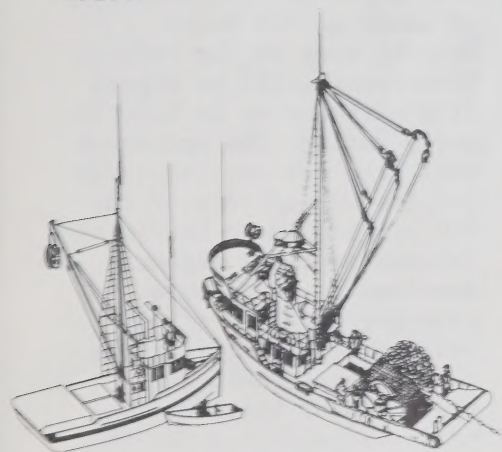
and construction impacts, will be considered in a comprehensive environmental assessment presently being conducted. Synex personnel are working closely with Canadian Parks Servicestaff to ensure the protection of the Kicking Horse Pass area.

More information will be made available as the proposals are refined. If you would like to be kept up-to-date, please indicate so on the mail-back form provided.

GULF OF GEORGIA CANNERY

Canadian Parks Service acquired ownership of the Gulf of Georgia Cannery, at Steveston, near Vancouver, British Columbia, on 12 September 1984. The site commemorates the history of the West Coast fishing industry.

An emergency stabilization program was essential to recover the cannery before its development could be considered. Such a program was approved in 1986 at a cost of 1.3 million dollars and was completed in 1987.



Parks is now focusing its attention on maintenance and stabilization of the machinery in the buildings and on the development of a management plan for the site. Both will require public participation for their satisfactory completion.

The planning program is at present in its early stages. Western Regional Office is currently developing alternative concepts which will be taken to the public for discussion. It is expected that public participation in the planning process, and, eventually, in the implementation of an approved management plan, will be strong as there is

widespread, intensive interest and pride in the cannery and its possibilities as a national historic park.

FORT ST. JAMES

Fort St. James National Historic Park commemorates the fur trade history of the Pacific Slope. It is situated on the lake edge of the village of Fort St. James, 160 kilometres north and west of Prince George, B.C.

Restoration of the former Hudson's Bay Company post on the site began in 1969 under a Federal/Provincial cost sharing agreement. In 1983, by agreement, the property became a national historic park. Since then, the park has been managed without a formally approved management plan. It has fallen behind national standards in certain administrative areas, although not badly so.

To remedy the situation a Management Planning Team was convened in Parks Western Regional Office in September 1986. As a result of its deliberations the first draft of a Management Plan is now under review. If you are interested in this program please contact the Park Superintendent at P.O. Box 1148, Fort St. James, B.C., VOJ 1P0.



ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

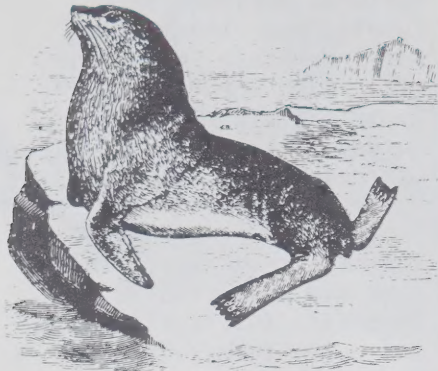
Rocky Mountain House National Historic Park, located near the town of Rocky Mountain House, was officially opened in 1979. It is Alberta's first and, to date, its only national historic park.

There is no reconstruction of a fort here. This park has preserved an important fur trading site and aptly interprets its history and its characteristics with the minimum of intrusion.

A park management plan which will guide park operations, is presently being prepared. It is anticipated that the Park's cooperating association will participate in developing the management plan and in the implementation of the plan after it is approved. Public meetings will be conducted to encourage the interested public to respond to plan proposals.

If you are interested to know more or wish to participate, please contact the Historic Park Planner, Canadian Parks Service, Western Regional Office, 520, 220 - 4th Avenue S.E., Calgary, Alberta, T2P 3H8, or the Park Superintendent, P.O. Box 2130, Rocky Mountain House, Alberta, T0M 1T0. Ensure that your name is on our mailing list.

NATIONAL MARINE PARKS



Northern Sea-lion

The Canadian Parks Service has been working towards protecting some examples of Canada's marine environments. Canada's Arctic, Atlantic, Pacific and Great Lakes environments have been divided into 29 marine natural regions. Ideally, samples of each of the marine regions should be represented in the federal parks system.

In 1970, the Canada-British Columbia agreement to establish Pacific Rim National Park was the first to include significant marine areas as part of the park. Since then, six other national park agreements, with other provinces and territories, include marine components of varying extent within the park boundaries.

In 1986, the National Marine Parks Policy was approved by the Honourable Tom McMillan, the Minister of the Environment. This Policy provides for the conservation of marine species, habitats or ecosystems and the protection of archaeological or historic sites. At the same time, it recognizes that certain activities like commercial fishing, traditional resource harvesting by indigenous

people and shipping can be carried on in marine parks without threatening the values they are intended to protect. With this new policy, the Canadian Parks Service is responsible for designating and managing the national marine parks, in co-operation with the federal departments of Fisheries and Oceans and Transport.

A number of proposals for national marine parks are being studied. On the Pacific Coast, the most recent progress was in 1987 with the Canada-British Columbia memorandum of understanding to establish the South Moresby National Park and National Marine Park. The Canadian Parks Service is also evaluating the potential options concerning the four marine areas of Pacific Rim National Park and their possible designation as a national marine park to be managed under the new Marine Parks Policy.

Copies of the National Marine Parks Policy are available from:

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National Parks Systems
Branch
Canadian Parks Service
Environment Canada
Ottawa, Ontario
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SOUTH MORSEBY



The agreement between Canada and British Columbia, which will allow for the transfer of lands of the South Moresby area to the Federal Government, will be signed at a ceremony to be held in early spring. The agreement will also set out the terms for the expenditure of the \$50 million Queen Charlotte Islands regional economic development initiative. A planning program will be initiated to determine the future development and operation of the new national park reserve. The Canadian Parks Service is presently developing a working relationship with the Haida since their cooperation is essential to the success of this planning program. If you would like to be kept informed about the status of this new park reserve, please return the attached mail-back card.

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MAILING LIST

We are developing new mailing lists for several upcoming public consultation programs. If you wish to become involved by expressing your opinions and concerns, reviewing plan alternatives and proposals, or attending public meetings, please check the planning program(s) on the enclosed mail-back card that interest you.



PUBLIC CONSULTATION MAIL-BACK CARD

We are establishing new mailing lists. If you are interested in participating in the upcoming programs, and wish to receive more information, please indicate with a (✓).

☐ South Moresby

☐ Rocky Mountain House NHP

☐ Sunshine Village Ski Area

☐ Gulf of Georgia Cannery

☐ Mount Norquay Ski Area

☐ Banff Town Plan

☐ Kootenay Parkway

☐ Field - Electric Power Project

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